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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER SPEAKS OUT ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN UGANDA

1. FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER STOEL EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN UGANDA IN REPLY TO SECOND CHAMBER QUESTIONS MARCH 7, BUT HE SAID THERE WAS NO QUESTION OF SUSPENDING DEVELOPMENT AID TO THAT COUNTRY. VAN DER STOEL AGREED WITH AN APPLICATION BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF JURISTS FOR PERMISSION TO MAKE AN IMPARTIAL INQUIRY INTO THE DEATH OF THE ANGLICAN ARCHBISHOP AND TWO MINISTERS IN UGANDA. HE SAID THAT IT WAS CLEAR HUMAN RIGHTS WERE BEING VIOLATED "ON A LARGE SCALE AND TO A WIDE EXTENT. EVEN THE LOWEST ESTIMATE OF THE NUMBER OF VICTIMS FILLS ALL OF US WITH SENTIMENTS OF HORROR AND PROFOUND COMPASSION."

2. ON THE CONTINUATION OF AID, VAN DER STOEL SAID THAT FOR THE TIME BEING THE DUTCH GOVERNMENT WOULD ADOPT A CRITICAL ATTITUDE TOWARDS DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS STILL REQUIRING APPROVAL.
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IT WOULD IN PRINCIPLE SUPPORT ONLY SUCH PROJECTS AS WOULD DEFINITELY BENEFIT THE PEOPLE OF UGANDA. SO FAR EEC AID TO UGANDA HAS BEEN VERY MODEST, ACCORDING TO THE MINISTER, AND SUSPENSION OF THIS AID WOULD NOT CONTRIBUTE TO THE RESTORATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN UGANDA.

3. COMMENT: VAN DER STOEL'S STRAIGHTFORWARD EXPRESSION OF

REVULSION AT EVENTS IN UGANDA IS CHARACTERISTIC OF HIM AND
WILL MEET WITH APPROVAL BY ALL DUTCHMEN. HE, AND THEY,
BELIEVE IN CALLING A SPADE A SPADE, AS EVIDENCED BY THE FORCEFUL
EXPOSITION OF DUTCH VIEWS ON CZECHOSLOVAKIAN HUMAN RIGHTS
VIOLATIONS DURING THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S VISIT TO PRAGUE
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